

*Friday, June 25, 1999*

# *Daily Digest*

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, June 28, 1999, at 12 noon.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 5 public bills, H.R. 2362–2366; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 143 and H. Res. 222–225, were introduced. Pages H4992–93

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2035, to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration (H. Rept. 106–200);

H.R. 1652, to establish the Yukon River Salmon Advisory Panel, amended (H. Rept. 106–201);

H.R. 2280, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (H. Rept. 106–202).

H.R. 2014, to prohibit a State from imposing a discriminatory commuter tax on nonresidents (H. Rept. 106–203); and

H.R. 1218, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions (H. Rept. 106–204). Page H4992

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Knollenberg to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4955

**Foster Care Independence Act:** The House passed H.R. 1802, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency by a ye and nay vote of 380 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 256. Pages H4959–87

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. Pages H4972–87

**Agreed To:**

The Johnson of Connecticut amendment that clarifies that eligible children are those who left foster care because they reached age 18; eliminates the Secretary's authority to redistribute funds that are not used by States and allows States to spend each year's appropriation over a 2 year period; authorizes adoption incentive payments; ensures that SSI recipients who lose benefits will not automatically lose Medicaid benefits; and allows certain World War II veterans to receive SSI benefits if they move outside of the United States; Pages H4971–85

The Thompson of California amendment that requires states to certify in their plans that prospective foster parents are being adequately trained; and Pages H4985–86

The Buyer amendment that requires a study, by the Social Security Administration, on denials of SSI benefits to family farmers who choose to care for their disabled dependents at home. **Pages H4986–87**

The Clerk was authorized to make necessary technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H4988**

Earlier, H. Res. 221, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H4957–59**

**Committee Resignations:** Read a letter from Representative Bryant wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Judiciary; read a letter from Representative Watts of Oklahoma wherein he resigned from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and read a letter from Representative Doolittle wherein he resigned from the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H4988**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 223 electing Representative Vitter to the Committees on Government Reform, Judiciary, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Pages H4988–89**

**Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Gilman, Vice Chairman, and Representatives Dreier, Barton of Texas, Ballenger, Stenholm, Filner, Reyes, and Napolitano to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Representative Kolbe appointed as Chairman on February 11, 1999. **Page H4989**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of June 28. **Page H4988**

**Meeting Hour—June 29:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29 for morning-hour debates. **Page H4989**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 30. **Page H4989**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H4955.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H4987. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OPERATING SUBSIDIARY

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Risky Business in the Op. Sub.: How the OCC Dropped the Ball. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

#### Week of June 28 through July 3, 1999

##### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1233, Agriculture Appropriations, with a vote on the motion to close further debate thereon, followed by votes on motions to close further debate on the motions to proceed to consideration of S. 1143, Transportation Appropriations, S. 1217, Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations, and S. 1234, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider appropriation bills, when available, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

*(On Tuesday, Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)*

##### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Special Committee on Aging:* June 30, to hold hearings to examine the Health Care Financing Administration's implementation of their nursing home improvement initiative, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Appropriations:* June 30, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on issues relating to gambling addiction, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* June 29, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Fire Administration, and Earthquake Hazards Reduction programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

June 30, Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings to examine coral reef and marine sanctuary issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* June 29, to hold hearings on S. 161, to provide for a transition to market-based rates for power sold by the Federal Power Marketing Administrations and the Tennessee Valley Authority; S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of